

Hopkins House  
Near Paulsboro, Gloucester County, New Jersey

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Owner: Township of West Deptford

Date of Erection: About 1810

Architect:

Builder: Probably James Hopkins

Present Condition: Poor

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - frame  
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

Anne Francis, the widow of Tench Francis, sold the tract of land upon which this house stands to Samuel Whitall in 1802. That same year Whitall transferred the property to Samuel Ellis. In 1808 the administrators of Ellis sold what was described as "one hundred and three Acres of land and meadow called Paradise" to James Hopkins. Hopkins in 1823 by will bequeathed what he called Paradise Farm to his son Charles. It passed from Charles to his son Samuel by will in 1861. Samuel in his will made in 1890 directed that his executors sell and dispose of

his real estate, and in 1893 the executors gave title to J. R. Parry and John J. Albertson. The present owner is the Township of West Deptford.

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